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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ISSUES OF IRAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MTN AND ACCESSION TO THE GATT WITH MINCOM UNDERSECRETARY DR. GANJEI AND, SUBSEQUENT TO HIS JULY 12 RETURN FROM GENEVA (REFS A AND C), WITH DIR GEN FOR INTL COOPERATION DR. KHOSROW FATEMI. DR. GANJEI POLITELY DEFERRED ANY DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES PENDING POLICY-LEVEL CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ANTICIPATED TO RESULT FROM DR. FATEMI'S EXPLORATORY TRIP TO GENEVA. FATEMI REPORTED A MOST PROFITABLE EXCHANGE WITH AMBASSADOR MCDONALD, ROBERT MEYERS AND OTHERS AND INFORMED THEM FULLY CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE GOI'S CONSIDERATION OF THESE TWO SUBJECT ISSUES. FATEMI EXPECTS TO SUBMIT THIS REPORT THROUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GANJEI TO MINISTER KHOSROWSHAHI ON OR ABOUT JULY 26. IF, AS HE ANTICIPATES, THE MINISTER ACCEPTS HIS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT IRAN "PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE MTN" AND JOIN THE GATT AS A FULL MEMBER OR, AS FALL BACK, AS ASSOCIATE OR TEMPORARY STATUS, WHATEVER THE TERM IS, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL HAVE TO ACT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS. THUS, WE ARE STILL SOME WEEKS MINIMUM FROM ANY DEFINITE

DECISIONS ALTHOUGH AT LEAST THE BUREAUCRATIC "GLACIER" IS MOVING. ANY POSITIVE DECISIONS WILL BE NOTIFIED THROUGH AMBASSADOR FARTASH, IRAN'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, GENEVA. POSITIVE DECISIONS ON EITHER OR BOTH ISSUES WOULD REQUIRE THE ASSIGNMENT OF A QUALIFIED OFFICIAL TO GENEVA.

2. FATEMI SAYS HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED IN HIS GENEVA VISIT TO RESPOND TO MTN OFFERS OR RECEIPROCAL REQUESTS. NENETHE- LESS, HE SAID HE OPINED PERSONNALLY TO US DEL THAT THE "REQUEST LIST WAS TOO MUCH AND THE OFFER LIST WAS TOO LITTLE." WHILE STILL RESISTING RECEIPROCITY IN PRINCIPLE, HE SAID THAT IF THE DECISION IS TO BE ACTIVE IN THE MTN THE GOI NEGOTIATORS WILL PLAY THE GAME EARNESTLY VIS-A-VIS THE FIVE OR SIX OFFER LISTS PENDING. IN THE U.S. CASE THE NEGOTIATION WOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE MINISTRY'S DIR GEN FOR TRADE WITH THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND AFRICA, FEREIDOUN GOLSHAN-BOZORG, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE MINISTRY FOR AT LEAST FOUR YEARS. CONCERNING THE GATT, FATEMI WILL MENTION IN THIS REPORT NOT ONLY ITS EVOLUTION BUT THE LIMITATIONS AND PRIVILEGES MEMBERSHIP WOULD BESTOW IRAN.

3. EMBASSY WILL TRACK AND REPORT THE RESULTS OF FATEMI'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
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